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Mr. P. Raman Tampi (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) supported the request and said that the abolition of the *Adiyara* would be welcomed by all the Nair families in the State.

20. Allotment of grazing lands for villages and other concessions to the ryots.

Mr. M. Madhavan Tampi also requested—

(1) That grazing lands might be set apart for each village, or the reserved forests near villages might be thrown open for cattle to graze on:

(2) That forests near cultivated areas might not be reserved:

(3) That the ryots might be permitted to take manure-leaves from Reserved forests:

(4) That the ryots might be allowed to take from Reserved forests the timber required for making agricultural implements: and

21. Registry of lands on a different tenure in certain cases.

(5) That the system of registering lands on a higher tax tenure when found in the enjoyment of any one other than the Thandaper holder might be modified.

Dewan's reply.—Government have considered the question on the representation of the Division Peishkar and passed orders for tracts being reserved for the grazing of cattle in the several villages and for other communal purposes wherever it can be done without detriment to Government interests.

The question of registry of lands is for the Settlement officers to decide.

The other representations will be considered.

22. Establishment of Veterinary hospitals.

Mr. M. Narayana Kurup (Member, Kalkulam Taluk) requested that Veterinary Hospitals might be opened in all the Taluks of the Southern Division or, if that was not feasible at least one such Hospital might be started at Thukkalai, the centre of the Division.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered when funds permit.

The same member also requested—

23. Abolition of tax on mango and palmyra trees.

that mango and palmyra trees might be exempted from taxation, as they had become less profitable to the owners than formerly.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered.

24. Exclusion of punnai and jack trees on Puduvals from reserved trees.

Mr. A. Sri Narayanan Tampi (Member, Vilavankod Taluk) said that, when lands were sought to be registered as *Puduvals*, the applicants had to pay the price of the lands as well as the value of the reserved trees standing on them. Punnai and jack were included among the reserved trees. It was hard, he said that the tax-paying trees, such as punnai and jack should be included in the list of reserved trees for which value had to be paid.

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25. *Reduction of tax on Punja lands.*

Dewan's reply.—This is taxing the land twice. Government will endeavour to remove the anomaly.

Mr. S. Shunmugam Pillai (Member, Tovala Taluk) requested that the tax on *Punja* lands might be realised in the same way as the tax on *Nunja* lands, that is, one-half in kind and the other half in *vilatharom*, instead of treating the whole tax as payable in kind and levying the value of half of it in money at four rupees per cottah. He requested that the rate might be reduced to two rupees per cottah.

Dewan's reply.—Will be looked into.

The same member also brought forward several other representations which may be summarised as follows :—

26. *Light assessment of lands irrigated by well-water.*

(1) That lands irrigated by well-water might be specially treated and assessed at favourable rates :

27. *Conservation of water in Porumboke tanks.*

(2) That the water in Porumboke tanks might be conserved and wholly utilized for irrigation purposes ;

28. *Opening of Agricultural banks.*

(3) That agricultural banks might be opened under Government management to help the needy ryots :

29. *Speedy disposal of petitions.*

(4) That greater despatch might be enforced in the disposal of petitions in the Revenue courts :

30. *Abolition of Court-fee for return of institution fees.*

(5) That the fee of three and a half fanams now levied by the Courts for returning a portion of the institution fees might be abolished, as it was hard that a party should be required to pay a fee for getting back his own money which might in some cases be less than the fee itself :

31. *Exemption of manure trees on tank-bunds from taxation.*

(6) That trees grown on tank-bunds might be exempted from taxation as those trees were the chief source of manure for the fields :

32. *Employment of Government agency for Thannikaval.*

(7) That, as the ryots paid a separate water-cess, the Government might bear the *Thannikaval* expenses and engage its own agency to see to the supply of water to the irrigation tanks and save the ryots from the trouble it entailed :

33. *Conference for taking measures for early completion of Settlement.*

(8) That a conference of Settlement officers and experienced non-officials might be convened to concert measures for the early completion of the Settlement operations :

34. *Status of officers enquiring into petitions, to be defined.*

(9) That the status of officers empowered to conduct enquiries on petitions might be fixed and defined :

35. *Enforcement of Departmental orders.*

(10) That the High Court and other Departmental Heads might be asked to exercise close supervision over the subordinate offices and see that the orders issued by them were acted up to : and

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